

You are cordially invited to the first biennial

United States District Court Conference

September 22, 2006

9:00 AM to 6:30 PM

The Conference and Reception will be held at the United States District Courthouse in Providence. Luncheon at the Federal Reserve.

The (all inclusive) registration fee is \$100 per attorney; the registration for attorneys with five years or less experience and attorneys working for non-profit, public interest organizations is \$50 per attorney.

The objective of the Conference is to provide practical information about federal practice in Rhode Island.

CLE credits will be available for the Program sessions.

Early registration is encouraged because the number of participants will be limited to approximately 150 lawyers. Priority will be given to members of the District Court Bar in order of registration.

Registration Form is attached.

For further information check out:

www.rid.uscourts.gov

or call Deputy Clerk Jennifer Dias at 401-752-7223

Program

Registration, Coffee (8:15 – 9:00 AM)

Plenary Session (9:00 AM – 10:30 AM)

Location: Jury Assembly Room

Topic: Welcome. The Judges of the District Court will address the participants on what they expect from lawyers practicing before them, the new rules of procedure and electronic filing. Session will be moderated by Marc DeSisto and Deming Sherman.

Breakout Sessions I (10:45 AM – 11:45 AM)

Location: Courtrooms, Jury Assembly Room

- Topics:
1. Introduction to the federal practice for new lawyers – Judge Torres, District Court Clerk David DiMarzio, Brooks Magratten
 2. Sentencing after Booker – Judge Smith, Terrence Donnelly, Leonard O'Brien
 3. Class actions under the 2005 reform act – Judge Lisi, Jack McConnell, Patricia Sullivan

Luncheon (12:00 PM – 1:30 PM)

Location: Federal Reserve

Speaker: Kenneth Feinberg , Chairman, 9/11 Commission

Breakout Sessions II (1:45 PM – 2:45 PM)

Location: Courtrooms, Jury Assembly Room

- Topics:
1. Appellate practice – Judge Selya, Lynette Labinger, Chief Deputy Clerk Margaret Carter
 2. Expert testimony post-Daubert - Judge Lagueux, John Tarantino, Howard Merten
 3. Bankruptcy practice under the new rules– Judge Votolato, Edward Bertozzi, Matthew McGowan

Breakout Sessions III (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Location: Courtrooms, Jury Assembly Room

- Topics:
1. Practice before Magistrate Judges: criminal proceedings, discovery matters, dispositive motions, ADR – Magistrate Judges Martin and Almond, Berry Mitchell, George E. Lieberman
 2. Technology in the courtroom – David Wollin, Chris Little, Jim Webb
 3. Multi-district litigation – Dean David Logan, Louise Teitz

Catered Reception (cash bar) (4:00 PM – 6:30 PM) – District Court Foyer

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Yes! I will be attending:

Name and Bar #: _____ (# _____)

Please print

Firm or Organization _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$100; \$50 for attorneys with 5 years or less experience and attorneys who are employed by a non-profit, public interest organization.)
Make checks payable to: "2006 District Conference Fund" and send to: Clerk, U.S. District Court, One Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903.

My preferences (1st, 2nd, 3rd) for attendance at Breakout Sessions are:

Session I (10:45 AM - 11:45 AM)

- _____ Introduction to federal practice
- _____ Sentencing after Booker
- _____ Class Actions under 2005 Reform Act

Session II (1:45 PM – 2:45 PM)

- _____ Appellate practice
- _____ Expert testimony post-Daubert
- _____ Bankruptcy practice under the new rules

Session III (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

- _____ Practice before Magistrate Judges
- _____ Technology in the Courtroom
- _____ Multi-district litigation

Signature

Date: _____, 2006

Note: In order to assure a diversity of attendees, the Conference Committee may restrict the number of registrants from a law firm or governmental organization. If there are more registrants than the number of spaces available, the Committee will create a waiting list.

